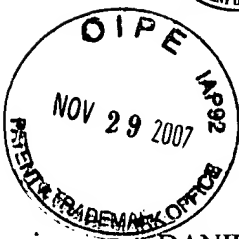




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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed May 14, 2007, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2). This petition lacks item (2) above.

A review of the record shows that the petitioner is not authorized to charge the deposit account. Therefore the petition must be dismissed.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the **petition fee of \$400** as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

To satisfy the requirement of 37 CFR 1.138(c) the petitioner must submit (1) the reply in the form of payment of the maintenance fee of \$450 and the surcharge of \$1640, (2) and the renewed petition fee of \$400. A renewed petition cannot be considered until the outstanding balance of \$2490 is paid.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the delay in paying the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Petitioner will not receive future correspondence related to maintenance fees for the patent unless a "Fee Address" Indication Form (see PTO/SB/47) and Request for Customer Number (see PTO/SB/125) are submitted.

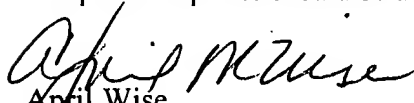
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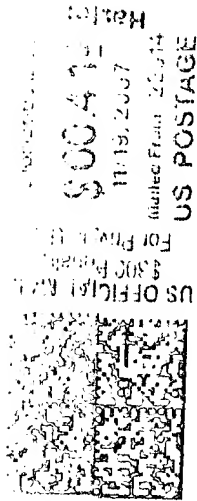
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